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LOCAL LEADERS ANNOUNCE MORE FUND FOR THE RIVER FRONT PROJECT IN ROME

ATLANTA – State Rep. Katie Dempsey, R-Rome, and State Transportation Board member David Doss today announced the City of Rome will receive an additional \$275,000 in Transportation Enhancement (TE) program funds that will be added to the existing Rome, Floyd County Downtown Waterfront project. The TE funds are being transferred from a Summerville project that was not eligible, under the current federal guidelines, for TE funding.

The Rome Riverfront project, which is currently funded with federal TE funds at \$1,550,400, includes the construction of a Riverfront Plaza and multi-use trail along the Oostanaula River connecting to the previously constructed Oostanaula Pedestrian Bridge and trail system in Rome. The project is still in the design phase.

“As a Rome city commissioner, I was privileged to be a part of the vision of this project. And now as a representative, I’m grateful to see this project’s dynamic development,” Rep. Dempsey said. “Rome has a strong commitment to its citizens and this multi-purpose Riverfront project with unique walking trails will be a valuable addition to our healthy quality of life.”

The TE program is federally funded and was originally established in 1991 by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The program was continued by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005. The Georgia DOT’s Planning Office manages the TE program in Georgia.

“This project is a great example of how the TE program works to enrich the lives of Georgians,” Doss said. “Residents will enjoy a more walkable community where it is pleasant to live and work. Rep. Dempsey was a key advocate in securing TE funds for this project and I was delighted Georgia DOT could make it a reality.”

Projects funded by the TE program include multi-use facilities such as walking and biking trails and paths; streetscaping and landscaping projects in cities and towns; historic preservation of transportation-related facilities like railroad depots; and scenic preservation of views and scenic byways. Up to 80 percent of the funds being used for these projects have been provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with the local government funding the remainder of the total project cost. The local government project sponsor is responsible for implementing the TE project and obtaining federal reimbursement from Georgia DOT.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is governed by the State Transportation Board. Its 13 members, representing each of the state’s congressional districts, exercise general control and supervision of the Department. Each member serves a five-year term and the terms are staggered. Board members are elected by the state representatives and senators whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the congressional district.

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